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## As Election Day Approaches, a Lesson About Voting

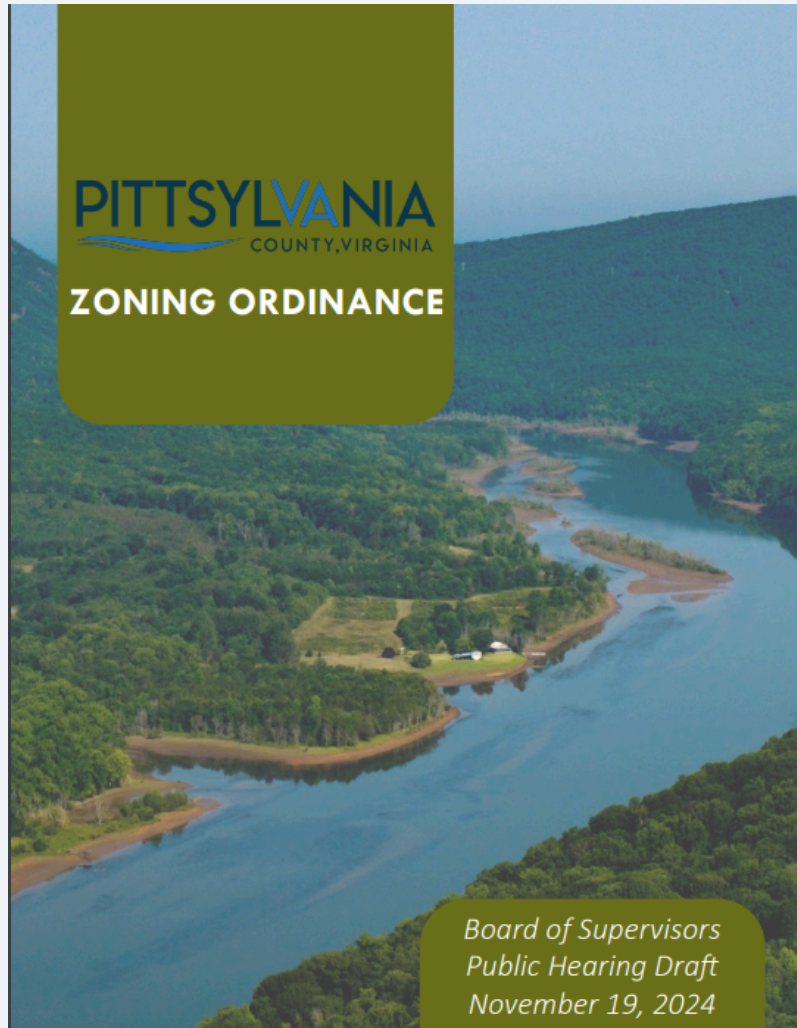






Children from Learning Tree daycare in Chatham got a close-up view of the democratic process as they watched their teachers, Dorethea White and Cheri Edwards, cast their ballots during early voting for the November 5 general election at the Pittsylvania County Elections and Training Center. The field trip was hosted and guided by Registrar Shani Shorter and her staff. The 3-5-year-old Pre-K class watched as their teachers went through the entire process – from viewing the sample ballots to checking ID, marking the ballot and placing it in the ballot machine. When the task was completed, the children were treated to an “I Voted” sticker and candy from Elections staff.

# Public Hearing Upcoming on Revised Zoning Ordinance



Pittsylvania County has spent the past two years revising its Zoning Ordinance and the public will have an opportunity to provide comments at a public hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 19 during the Board of Supervisors' business meeting.

The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and staff have been assisted in this effort by the Berkley Group, a local government consulting firm.

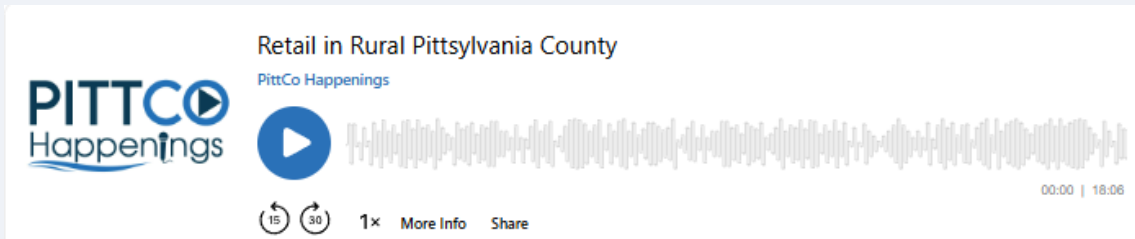
The County's zoning ordinance was created in 1991 and hasn't seen a major update since.

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# Bringing Retail to Rural Pittsylvania County



Resident requests that the Board of Supervisors explore bringing retail stores to rural areas of the County, such as the Banister District, raise additional questions about future development, density and infrastructure. Banister District Supervisor Robert Tucker and Economic Development Director Matt Rowe talk about the challenges of bringing retail stores to rural areas and how this need, in turn, sparks questions about the direction the County wants to go in the future.

[Listen to Episode Here](#)

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## Pittsylvania County Hosts Procurement Training



Pittsylvania County hosted 11 localities for training with Kim Mitchell from the Virginia Department of General Services today at the Community Center in Chatham. The Virginia Public Procurement Act has added the requirement that all localities must allow electronic submission of bids and proposals which prompted the training session.

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## **Fishing Day Spaces Filling Up Fast**

***Don't let this one get away!***

# Youth Fishing Day!

*Don't let this one get away - sign up today!*

**Saturday, November 9, 8 a.m. to noon**  
**Wayside Park, 1678 Main St., Hurt**

Youth age 15 and under **only**, limited to 100 participants.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

*After noon, those age 16 and older can fish but must have a valid fishing license*

Bring your fishing rod, bait and tackle to fish for rainbow trout in Sycamore Creek and stocked by Cedar Springs Trout Farm in Rural Retreat.

The limit is 6 fish per person with a length limit of 7 inches. Once the trout is taken into possession by placing in the creel, it becomes part of the daily creel limit and may not be released (culled).

A conservation police officer with the Virginia Conservation Police will be on site during the event.



To register online, go to  
<https://forms.gle/ydgqDW7T5iKGtM9U6>  
or scan the UPC symbol on the left.

Register in person at the Community Center, 115 S. Main St., Chatham.  
The Community Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
For more information, call 434-432-7736.

[Sign Up Here](#)

**James Got Connected -**

# And So Can You



## Pittsylvania County, VA

James, Satisfied Customer

RiverStreet Networks will return to Pittsylvania County on Thursday, November 7, 3-6:30 p.m. at Callands Fire and Rescue, 11741 Callands Road. Click below to make an appointment, but walk-ins are also welcome.

RiverStreet has partnered with Pittsylvania County and Pittsylvania County Schools to bring high speed fiber internet service to more than 16,000 locations in the County.

[Make Appointment Here](#)

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## Learn How to be a Weather Spotter!



# SKYWARN Spotter Training

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Pittsylvania County Community Center  
115 S Main Street, Chatham, VA

Training is free and open to the public

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**National Weather Service  
Blacksburg, VA**

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Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods. SKYWARN® storm spotters form the nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that your efforts have given your family and neighbors the precious gift of time--minutes that can help save lives.

By taking the class you will learn:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

The SKYWARN class is free and pre-registration is not required.

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## Series on Election Security Concludes as Nov. 5 Approaches

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## Executive Order 35 Summary 6

### Election Security: Protecting Voter Lists

- Voter list is updated daily to add voters, change information and remove voters
- Remove ineligible voters including felons and mentally incapacitated
- Remove people who are unable to verify citizenship to the DMV
- DMV verifies proof of identity and legal status through the DHS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database and the Social Security Administration database
- DMV shares a daily data file of non-citizen transactions including addresses and document numbers with Department of Elections
- Registrars are required by law to cancel the registration of non-citizens and to immediately contact the Commonwealth's Attorney Office.

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## Executive Order 35 Summary 7

### Election Security: Safe and Orderly Conduct at Polling Places

#### Prohibited activities at Polling Places (includes Early Voting sites):

- Hinder, delay, or intimidate a qualified voter
- Hinder or delay an officer of Election
- Attempt to influence any person casting a ballot
- Violate the privacy of other voters
- Possessing any firearm within 40 feet of the Polling Place
- Impede the orderly conduct of the election

Above are the final two in a series from Governor Glenn Youngkin's Executive Order 35, which has codified election security procedures put into place during his administration. The series will highlight each summary section each week and up until the November 5 election.

To read the full summary of Executive Order 35, click on the blue button below.

**\*\*Early voting will extend to include Saturday, November 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.\*\***

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# It's Stew Season!

## Calendar Highlights Fire, Rescue Fundraisers

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 <a href="#">Chatham Rescue Raffle</a> Chatham Rescue Squad - SQ 12
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 AM <a href="#">Callands Fire &amp; Rescue Stew</a> Callands Fire and Rescue - ST/SQ 35
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

It's Stew season and if you're looking for a quart – or just want to support your favorite volunteer fire and rescue station with its fundraisers, check out this regularly updated calendar on the Pittsylvania County website.

[Learn More Here](#)

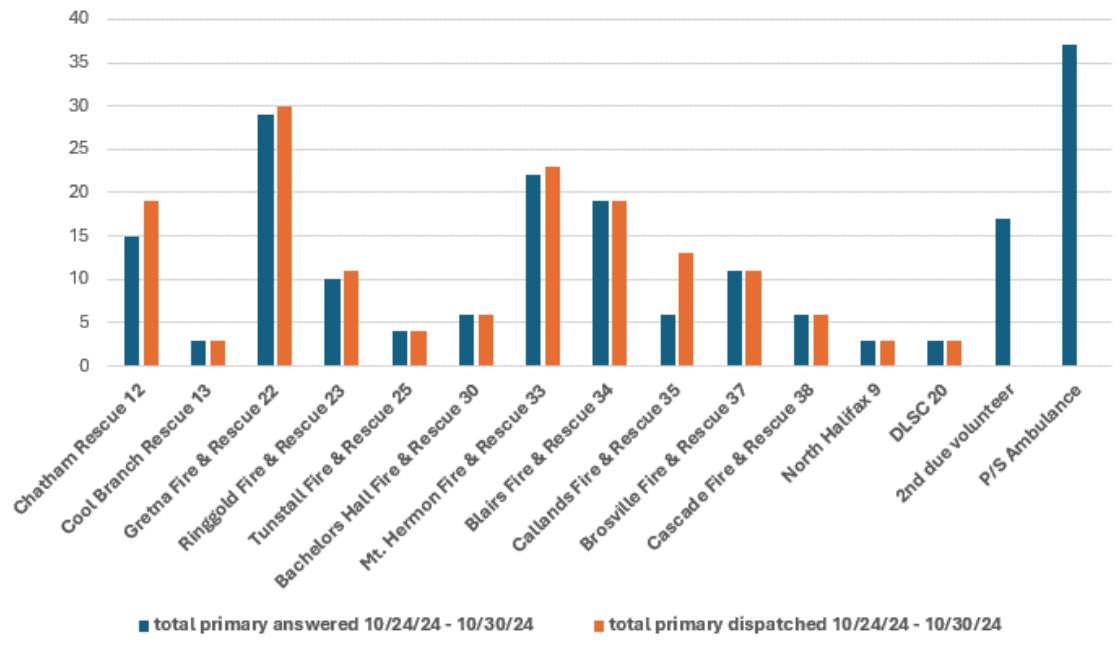
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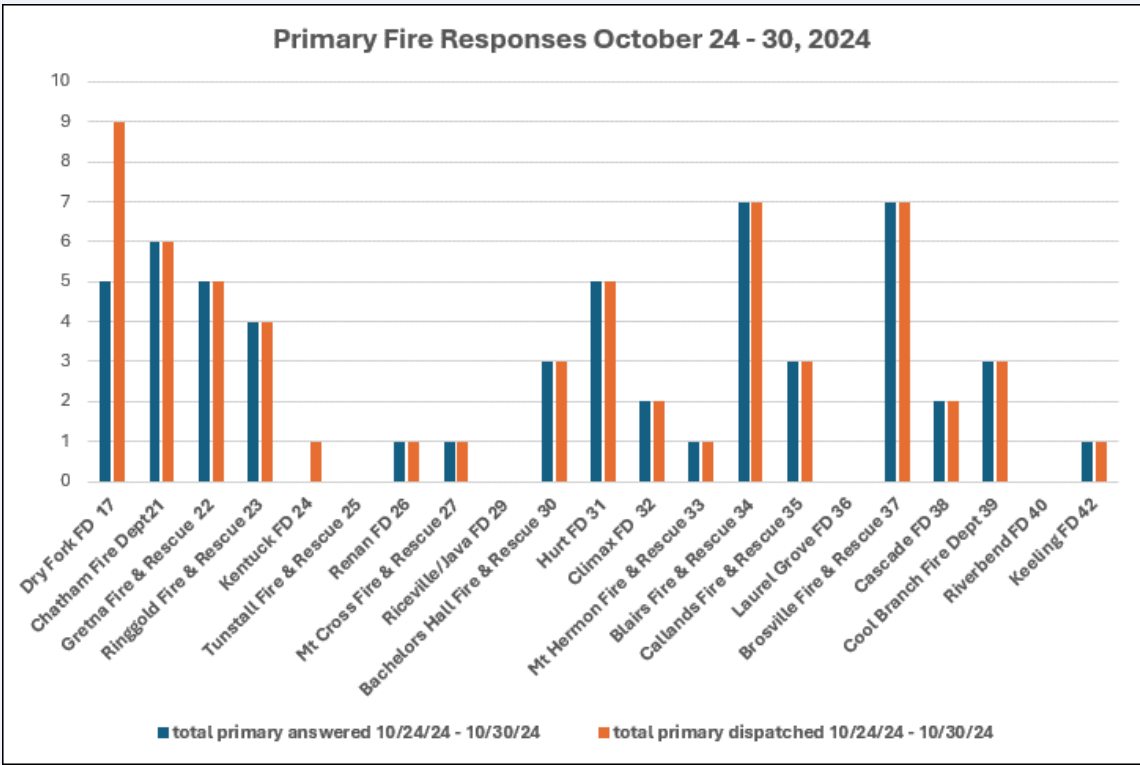
# Pittsylvania County First Responders

## ANSWERING THE CALL



### Primary EMS Responses October 24 - 30, 2024





Pittsylvania County’s first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County’s citizens. EMS responders answered 191 primary calls for service between Oct. 24-30. Of those, volunteers responded to 154 of those calls – or 81%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 37 of those calls, or 19%, and outside agencies took three.

The County’s fire departments responded to 56 fire calls during that same period.



*Have you thought about ...*

# Answering the call to serve?

Helping those in need, making a positive contribution to your community and learning new skills?

Achieve all that and more by serving as a firefighter or EMT in Pittsylvania County at a volunteer station near your home or workplace.  
To learn more, visit <https://ow.ly/gOV450Pit0A>

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